the plenipotentiaries will aim.

Sign Treaty To-day.

The seventeenth and concluding article of the treaty provides that the exchange of radifications shall occur within fifty days after the signature by the plenipotentiaries. The Russian radification will be communicated to the Japanese government by the French minister at Tokio and Mr. Meyer, the American ambassador at St. Petersburg, will communicate the Japanese radification to the Russian government.

If the Russians are ready the freaty will be signed to-morrow afternoon at 5 yelock, this date having been suggested by Baron Komurn, otherwise the treaty will be signed Tuesday morning. The Japanese hope to get away Tuesday and the Russians Tuesday or Wednesday.

#### EMPEROR'S THANKS TO TROOPS IN FIELD

Czar Says Army Could Have Inflicted Important Defeat On Japan

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Esptember 3.—The
Emperor on Friday hast telegraphed to
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General Linevitch the results of the Portsmouth conference, and added the Portsmouth conference, and added the Portsmouth conference, and added the Result of a numerically superior enemy in Manchurla, step by step, during mieteen months, obstinately repulsing his advance. Under your leadership, the army was reorganized and strengthened by the arrival of troops from Russia, and it is now greater in numbers and strenger than before. It was not only prepared to ward off the enemy, but also to inflict upon him an important defeat.

"I and all Russia believe in the strength of my glorious army and its readiness to sacrifice liself for the good of the fatherland, but my duty to my conscience and to the people entrusted to me by Ood commands me not to again put to the test the valor of the Russian men, so dear to my heart, and not to expose them to fresh and needless horrors of war in order to retain half of a remote island, which Japan ceded to us in 1875, and I have therefore accepted the preliminary peace conditions.

"The Russian troops have repeatedly proved during this sangulnary conflict their valor and self-sacrifice. "Convey this to my dear army", May it know that I and Russia value the sacrifices which It has made in this severe war."

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The Grash Danin to-day says:

'With the advent of pence as the result of the enference at Portsmouth, European diplomacy steps back to give place to the practical sound, common sense diplomacy exemplified by President Roosevelt. M. Witte is the same type of man as President Roosevelt. The latter understood the Russlan plenipotentiary and came to his assistance in time of need, but the success of the conference was entirely due to the President. M. Witte made a good impression on the Americans, and this helped him in his work."

work."
One thousand sallers who participated in the mutinous disorders at Libau and in the Black Sea, will be transferred to the army and be sent to the Far East to serve in the army of occupation.

#### MIKADO'S MESSAGE DISPELS DOUBTS

President Informed That Treaty Will Be Signed To-morrow

or Tuesday. (By Associated Press.)
OYSTER BAY, September 3.—The cablegram from the Japanese Emperor puts an
end to the rumors that the Emperor was
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gram from the Japanese Emperor puts an end to the rimors that the Emperor was dissatisfied with the terms finally concluded by his plemipotentaries with those of the Emperor of Russia.

It can be said that the President has expressed no anxiety at the delay of the cablegram from the Emperor of Japan. It was known here that the terms finally concluded at Portsmouth were dictated by the Japanese Emperor himself and that they could not be otherwise than satisfactory to him and his advisors. The delay in responding to the Japanese plenipotentiaries was due it, is surmised, to the desire of the Emperor to be assured that the terms garred upon would be incorporated into a treaty, without the probability of a serious hitch. That assurance, it is said, was conveyed to the Japanese Emperor last night upon conclusion of the draft of the treaty. The cablegram to President Roosevelt to day followed in the natural course.

Information reaching the President from Portsmouth, indicates that the treaty will be concluded formally and signed early this week, probably to-morrow or Tues-

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#### KAISER'S PRAISE FOR PRESIDENT

"The Onlly Man in the World Who Could Have Done It,"

Emperor Says.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, September 3.—United States Congressman William Alden Smith, of Michigan, was one of Emperor William's guests at dinner Saturday night. During, a conversation of about fifteen whites with Mr. Smith after dinner, Emperor William alluded to the peace conference at Portsmouth, saying:

"President Rocsevelt alone deserves credit for bringing about peace. He

"President Rossevet alone deserves credit for bringing about peace. He was the only man in the world who could have done it. He did his part splendidly."

Mr. Smith, after the dinner, was presented to Crown Prince Frederick William and Prince Von Buelow, the imperial chancellor.

#### TEN KILLED, MANY INJURED IN RIOT

Departure of Reservists From Libau Attended By Socialistic Outbreak.

(By Associated Press.)

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Libau. September 3.—The departure of reservists Saturday night was marked by socialistic rioting, in which ten persons were killed and fifty wounded. The agitators fired from a house upon the military, who replied with a volley. The cavalry then charged, using their sabres on the crowd. A detachment of troops stormed the house from which the shots were fired. One policeman was killed and several soldiers were killed. Twenty-one wounded persons were taken to the hospital.

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#### POLICE PUT STOP TO MOSCOW MEETING

MOSCOW, September 3.—The police tempire tenered a private house and stopped a meeting of members of the Moscow Zemstvo Congress, which ind been called to discuss the attitude the Zemstvo should take towards the projected national assembly. Among those at the meeting were Prince Dolgorouki, Prince Troubetskoy and Prince Lvoff.

The three princes named in the fore-going dispatch are marshals of the nobility. They were delegates from the All-Russian Zemstvo Congress, which in June last presented an address to Emperor Nicholas, calling for reforms, to which the Emperor cordially replied.

#### DR. MACKAY PAYS PRESIDENT TRIBUTE

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, September 3.—Rev. Donald Sage Mackay, pastor of the Fifth Avenue Collegiate Church, during the course of his sermon to-day, took occasion to pay a tribute to Fresident Roosevelt, who for thirty years has been a member of this Dutch Reformed congregation. Dr. Mackay said: "Inasmuch as our President, Theodore Roosevelt, made profession of his faith in this church thirty years ago, and has been eyer since a loyal member, it seems only fitting that here this morning we record our prefound appreciation of the signal service which he has rendered to the whole civilized world by his masterful and unwenfied efforts to secure peace between Russia and Japan. Not only in the magnificent work consummated last week has President Roosevelt added enduring inster to his own name, but he has also given a new influence to America as the antitor of peace in the councils of the nations.

"The President's splendid service will

"The President's spienidid service will be but half achieved if it is not recognized by all the great powers as a means of bringing about an alliance that was safeguard the interests of peace and Christian civilization in the Far East for many years."

### ITALIANS QUIET

physician members voting for the motion and the lay members against.

Several members of the State Board and the lay members against.

Several members of the State Board of Health were present and heard a vote taken resenting the censure which they had passed upon the city board Saturday for alleged neglect in not notifying the State officials of the existence of a case of yellow fever in Atlanta. The city board to-day adopted resolutions certifying its faith in Atlanta's climate and record in never having had a death from yellow fever here, and in never having had a case originate here. The authority of the State board to enforce quarantine within the State, overriding the action of the local board in the matter, has been questioned, and it remains to be seen what action the State board will take to assert its prerogatives. It is not likely that Atlanta's record of the past will be reversed by quarantining against any fever infected point.

J. C. Caruthers, the first and only fever patient here, is at the detention hospital several miles from the city. His condition was reported to-night as

condition was reported to-night as slightly improved.

#### Situation in Mexico.

(By Associated Press.)
MENICO CITY, September 3.—The Superior Board of Health reports now only four cases of yellow fever in the coun and has little fear of breaking out cholera here through arrivals from

Hamburg.
Cholera has visited this country fou times in the last century, the worst epidemics being in 1833 and 1850. There was another epidemic of a serious nature in 1851, but the disease has not come again

#### Case in Indian Territory.

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(By Associated Press.)

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., September 3.—
Major-General W. H. Haynes, commanding the Arkansas militia, which is furnishing the guards to enforce the State quarantine, was officially informed today of the existence of a case of yellow fever at Maysville, I. T., and immediately gave orders to the guards to tighten the quarantine, Mississippi and Louisiana, Florida and Atlanta, Ga., have been declared infected territory by the State Board of Health.

#### Two New Cases.

(By Associated Press.)
VICKSBURG, MISS., September 3.—
Two cases of yellow fever were reported
to-day, making a total of five under
treatment. Both of the new cases are reatment. Both of the new cases are negroes. One lives near the original point of infection and the other in the east and of the town.

#### Quarantine Raised.

MOBILE. ALA., September 3.—When fever was announced at Atlanta, Mobile put on quarantine, pending further investigation. That quarantine has been lifted and Mobile has no quarantine now against Atlanta.

#### Survivors of Wreck Held.

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(By Associated Press.)

PBRANANDINA, FLA., September 5.—
The two such from the ill-fated ship Peconic, which they say sank near this shore last Sunday, are still here, and in obedience to orders received from New York from the vessel's owners, will likely be detained for several weeks until the truth of their story is fully established. No bodies have yet washed ashore and no No bodies have yet washed ashore and no wreckage from the vessel has been seen.

#### Bomb at Barcelona.

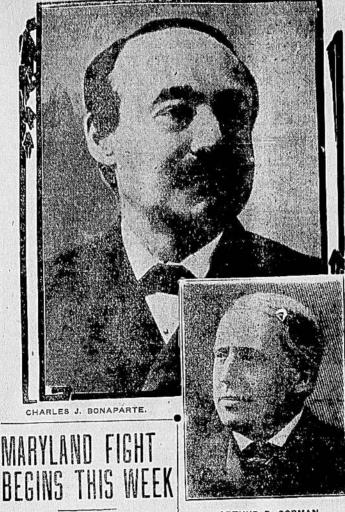
Bomb at Barcelona,
(By Associated Press.)
BARCELONA. September 3.—A homb
exploded with terrifte force this afternoon on the marine parade, which was
thronged with holiday-makers. A panic
ensued, and the air was rent with the
shricks and groans of the victims, who
numbered twenty-one, including one
woman killed and five persons mortally
wounded. The perpetrator of the outrage is unknown.

#### Incendiary Fire.

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ALBANY, GA, September 2.—Captain
P. E. Royd, of Leary, Ga, was the
victim last right of one of the most disastrons incendiary three reversions incendiary three reversions of a
modern barn, stockade and other barn, stockade and other barn, stockade and other barn, stockade and other three file
nules, twelve milea cows what thouse for
the baies of cotton and several thought of the
inplements and food guiffs, Captain
Boyd estimates his loss at \$15,000, without
inspurance.

### FIGHT TO CONTROL MARYLAND PASTOR GARDNER POLITICAL GIANTS WHO WILL



ARTHUR P. GORMAN.

If it is adopted, he will remain the chief political power in this State.

While the Republican factions—the Stone followers, the Wachfer men and the McComas people—have all combined to fight the amendment, the Democrats are not united in its favor. In fact, the Crescent Club, composed of independent Democrats, of which J. Frank Morrison is president, have declared against the measure because of the "understanding clause," which puts considerable power in the hunds of the registrar.

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Among the Baltimore newspapers, the American, the Republican organ, is against the amendment, and the Evenng News, independent, is also conducting a vigorous campaign against it.

Though it has not yet begun, the fight, it is understood, that the Evening Herald will favor the proposition. The press has up to this time maintained a strictly neutral position, and there is considerable specualtion among politicians as to which side of this question it will take.

Opponents of the proposed change in the fundamental law are making the most strenuous attacks on the "understanding clause." This clause provides that it a man is unable to read a section of the Constitution, he can vote if he is "able to understand and give a reasonable explanation thereof when read to him by the registration officers."

Attitude of Warfield.

Inther chause," said the grandfather of the amendment was "The Father of Lies."

Democratic Fight.

Though the Democratic State Convention will not be held until September 22d. Chairman Murray Vandiver has had his headquarters in the Eutaw House open for months. General Victor L. Baughman last week gave a big Democratic barbecce at Braddock Heights, near Frederick, and came out strongly for the amendment. Former Governor Frank Brown has just returned home from Europe, and will join actively in the fight. The editors of Democratic newspapers in the State have held a meeting and decided to warmly support the amendment, while the Republican editors have adopted resolutions denouncing the proposition.

The amendment to cut off the ignorant negro vote is Senutor Arthur P. Gorman's pet measure, and it is realized that his political fortunes are to a great extent bound up in its fate. If it is defeated, this will be such a sovere blow to his prestige that he will not likely even be a candidate for re-election to the Senate, the Republican ticket. Governor Warfield at the time the new section was before the Legislature

### TRAP SHOOTERS MEET | LANSBURG HEIRS FOR ANNUAL TOURNEY

Effort to Retain Championship.

Bonaparte and Gorman to Lock

Horns Over Franchise

Amendment.

SENATOR HAS MUCH AT STAKE

Political Fortunes Bound Up in

Fate of Measure-Attitude of Warfield.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BALTIMORE, MD., September 3.—The

formal opening of the campaign for the

adoption of the limited franchise amend-

ment to the Maryland Constitution will

devoted to an attack on the amendment

Mr. Charles J. Bonaparte, Secretary of

the Navy, and usually a free lance, who is

the Navy, and usually a free lance, who is against the Republican machine as often as he is with it, this year is taking personal charge of the campaign. For six months he has lost no opertupnity to speak against the amendment, and in his last speech, referring to the "grand-father chause," said the grandfather of the amendment was "The Father of Lies."

ecur this week. The Republican State Convention meets here next Wednesday, and the platform will be almost entirely

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, VA., September 3.—More than a hundred members of the Virginia Trap Shooters' Association have arrived in the city to-night to participate in the in the city to-aight to participate in the annual tourney, which will be com-menced to-morrow morning at 9 o'cloca on the grounds of the Lynchburg Gun Club. The Bristol team, the holder of the State championship, is here, and will the State championship, is here, and will make a strong effort to retain the cham-pionship cup, which they have held for three years. The indications are that the tourney will be a very successful one,

#### LOCAL OPTION ELECTION ORERED IN POCAHONTAS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
POCAHONTAS. VA. September 3.—
Judge Henson has fixed the date for the local option election at Pocahontas as October 3d. The voters are about evenly divided on the question, at least so far as anyone is able to judge, and both sides will put up a warm fight.

Found By Track.

(By Associated Press.)

SEDALIA, No., Sept. 3.—Warren Prins
to-day was found unconscious and severely injured beside the Missouri Pateitic Radyroad tracks near Tipton, having been
picked up and carried twenty-seven miles
unconscious on the pilot of the locomotive
unconscious on the pilot of the locomotive
prine said he had been struck by an east
bound train in the outskirts of Sedalia
and juried on the nilot, and knew nothing
more until found and revived near Tipton
He may die.

Negro Holds Up Another.

in the Police Court this morning in explaining why he held ap Willie Golnes, also chon-hued, in Lumplin's Hottom yesterday morning. Morris is also charged with assaulting Carrie Tritt (colored), and with shaoting at George Stevens (colored) on North Second Street. Arrests were pende by Relegious I, Cor.

## HAVE BEGUN SUITS

Bristol Team Will Make Strong | Fight to Set Aside Titles to Property in Richmond, Hampton and Gloucester County.

> (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., September 3.— The fight to set aside the titles to certain property in Richmond, Hampton and an property in Richmond, Hampton and Gloucester county, at one time owned by Julius Lansburg, now an inmate of the asytum at Williamsburg, was started yes-terday by the institution of three suits in ejectzient in the Elizabeth City county Circuit Court. The suits are brought by the heirs of Julius Lansburg, and are against John Foster, George Holston and James B. Stewart.

James R. Stewart. It is claimed the defendants purchase the property from the Lansburg estate, and that the deeds are invalid because of the insantty of Lansburg at the limit the transactions are said to have taken

Several other tracts of property may also be involved in the suit,

#### WIND STORM WRECKS CAMP OF RIFLEMEN

(By Associated Press.) SEAGIRT, N. J., September 3.-A se-

vere wind and rain-storm struck the camp of the visiting riffemen here early to-day. Half of the tents were blown down in short order, and it was only by the hardest kind of work on the part of the militianen, that the others were saved. In the almost blinding rain which swent in sheets from the ocean, the solsaved. In the almost blinding rain which is swept in sheets from the ocean, the soldiers drove pegs and tightened ropes to maintain their places of abode. For a time the great camp was the scene of desolation, but two hours of steady work served to put things in proper shape again. Under the revised schedule of events for the week the riflemen will be engaged to-morrow in the revolver squad match, the interclub match, inspector's match, carbine team match, liale tropby match and cadet match.

# WELCOMED HOME

Grace Street Baptist Congregation Gives Pastor Enthusiastic Greeting.

THE ASSEMBLY IN LONDON

Dr. Pitt Gives Account of World's Congress in Albert Hall.

An immense congregation assembled last night at Grace Street Baptist Church to welcome its pastor, Dr. Charles S. Gardner, who has just arrived in Richards (Jonatha Line, Richards).

to welcome its pastor, Dr. Charles S. Gardner, who has just arrived in Richmond, after having attended the Baptists' World's Congress, which met in Albert's Hall, London, in June.
Dr. R. H. Pitt, editor of the Religious Herald, and Professor William A. Harris, of Richmond College, occupied the pulpit in turn as reprosentatives of the congregation. Professor Harris spoke first. His remarks were brief' and appropriate. He said in part that he volced the sentiment of the church when he expressed his gladness at seeing Dr. Gardner again; that the pastor's worth was more appared thest then procented best when sone. The speaker then presented Dr. Pitt to the audience as one who could give an account of the congress, not omitting certain particulars which would be omitted, throwsh modesty, by the pastor. He concluded his address by extending the right hand of fellowship to Dr. Gardner.

Sent the Right Man.

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Dr. Pitt's exordium may be summar zer as a terse expression of his congratula-tion of the church in sending to London a man so well qualified to discharge the duties of a representative as Dr. Gercher

the duties of a representative as Dr. Gardner.

Dr. Pitt spoke of the magnitude of the congress. It was notable, he observed, inamuch as it was the first international meeting in the history of the Baptlet denomination; it was great in that it betokened a new era of growth and co-operation, as representatives from all nations, Java and Sunatra excepted, were present. Holy enthusiasm, continued the talker, ran like an electric thrill through the vast assemblage in Albert Hall as speaker after speaker testified to the carnest spirit and broader, deeper faith which characterizes the Baptless of to-day.

Soul-Stirring Speech.

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Here Dr. Pitt referred to Dr. Gardner's address on Japan, delivered before the World's Congress in Albert Hall, as a magical, soul-stirring speech, that burnied like fire into the mind and heart of the hearers. Dr. Pitt followed his account by clasping his pastor's hand in token of brotherhood in Christ, Dr. Gardner arose and responded briefly and modestly, corroborating his predecessor's narrative, with the exception of the closing culogy. He announced that on Wednesday evening he would give the congress. A unique feature of the evening was the presentation to the pastor by the little girls of the Sunday school of a bouquet of American Beauty roses. A benediction by Dr. Hatcher closed the services.

Installed As Teacher.

Rev. Mr. Martin Schmidt was ordained and installed yesterday morning as teacher of Bethlehem German Lutheran School, corner Sixth and Clay Streets, Mr. Schmidt is a graduate of Teachers Seminary, at Addison, Ill.

Rev. Mr. W. F. Mensche, pastor of Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, delivered a sermon yesterday morning on the theme, "The Christian's Duty of Church Education."

## TAKING STEPS TO

Hamburg Physician Says Americans Have Nothing to Fear From Cholera.

BERLIN, September 3.—Dr. Nocht, harbor physician at Hamburg, in reply to inquiries made by the Associated Press concerning cholera, telegraphs as follows:

"The trans-shipment of Russian emigrants having been suspended at Hamburg, further cholera infection is improbable."

burg, further cholera infection is improbable,"

"The room companion of the first case has a light attack, but otherwise all the emigrants are healthy.

"Three emigrants due to sail last Thursday on the steamer Moltke (for New York), were landed, and since then have been under medical observation. All are healthy. The drinking water and the sanitary arrangements here are faultiess and consequently an epidemic is unlikely. "Single instance, naturally, in spite of the greatest care, cannot always be prevented, but no danger exists for sea traffic. I am convinced that all the means for opposing the cholera are in use. We are going to meet the future with tranquility, and we hold that Americans have no grounds for disquietude.

"Signed" "NOCHT."

disquietude.

(Signed)
The opinion is expressed in Berlin that the United States seaboard has more to fear from emigrants shipping at Trieste than from German ports, as cholera is already in Austrian Poland.

#### **BUBONIC PLAGUE ON** ISTHMUS REPORTED

Consul at Colon Declares Statement of Medical Authorities is False.

(By Associated Press.)
COLON, September 3.—The report by the medical authorities of the canai zone

the medical authorities of the canal zone that the death on August 26th of laborers employed on the wharf at LaBoga, was due to bubonic plague, has given rise to much discussion. Jeronimo Ossa, the Ecuadorian consul at Colon, declares officially, that the report is false, and that there have been no additional cases of bubonic plague on the Isthmus.

The direct result of this reported prevalence of the plague, is that Central American and Mexican ports refuse to receive freight sent by way of the Isthmus. Costa Rica and Nicaragua have been altogether closed to Isthmian ports. Several thousand tons of freight for Central America and Mexican is now tied up on the Isthmus, and this freight is increasing with the arrival of every vessel. Sweeping changes are taking place in the management of the Panama Rullroad. If, G. Bierd, who arrived here Thursday from New York, has assumed duties of superintendent of the road, and William rodman, who accompanied Mr. Bierd, has been appointed roadmaster.

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first-class instruments and no other. The Cable Company's trade mark is recognized the world over as an absolute guarantee that their instruments are standards of piano manufacture.

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### ON HOT TRAIL OF SCHOONER BURNED GUILTY PERSONS

Special Grand Jury to Investigate Alleged Frauds Against Government.

ARMY OF WITNESSES

Over One Hundred and Fifty Persons Summoned to

Testify.

(Special to The Times, Dispatch.)

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GREENSBORO, N. C., September 3.—
Over one hundred witnesses from all parts of this revenue district are here to-night, summoned to appear before the special grand jury of the Federal Court called here for Monday, to last until all business is over. One hundred and fifty other witnesses are expected to arrive on Monday trains.

The court is not for trial of causes, but for a special grand jury investigation of alleged frauds against the government on the part of revenue officials and liquor distillers. Detectives from the Department of Justice have been working the district three months, and some sensational indictments and developments are expected. District Attorney Price have been here hard at work two days preparing fills, consulting with representatives of the government who are here from Washington and marshaling the vast array of witnesses in order of cases and locations.

To-night while at work District Attorney Holton was apprised of the death of his father-in-law, Daniel Petty, residing here, and immediately repaired to the residence. Mrs. Holton had left her father only this morning, returning to her loome in Winston, thinking he was better.

Ludge Ward Suffering Much.

Judge Ward Suffering Much.
Judge Ward, who was assaulted in Dur-lam yesterday by ex-Mayor McCowan on account of a light sentence he imposed on account of a light sentence he imposed on a negro convicted of manslaughter, on indictment for killing McCowan's nephow, came here to-day, and is at Solicitor Brook's home. It is reported that he is suffering severely from the blow received on his car, and with nervous shock. He is due to open Alamance Court Monday, but may not be able to get there.

Court Monday, but may not be able to get there,
McCowan was imprisoned and fined last night for contempt of court. This afternoon Judge Ward was noiffied a writ of habeas corpus had been obtained from supreme Court Judge Walker, and will be heard in Raleigh at noon Monday, as to whether McCowan was legally sentenced for contempt or not. Solicitor Brooks will go to Raleigh at the hearing to represent the judge, in accordance with an act of the last Legislature.

One Killed; Another Hurt.

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(By Associated Press.)

SALISBURY, N. C., September 3.—Zeke
Young, a negro, was shot and killed
and auother negro, was shot and killed
wounded here this afternoon by Whitman
Hardy, a mulatto desperado from Yorkville, S. C. The shooting appears to
have been without provocation. Hardy
himself was slightly wounded while attempting to escape. He was arrested and
is now in fall here. tempting to escape. He was arrested and is now in init here. The murderer is wanted by the South Carrilian authorities for shooting two white mu.

DIVERT TIDE TO MEXICO.

Good Demand There for Steady Agricultural Laborers.

on the Isthmus, and this freight is increasing with the arrival of every vessel.

Sweeping changes are taking place in the management of the Panama Railroad, in the management of the management of the Panama Railroad, in the management of the management of the management of the Panama Railroad, in the management of the management of the Panama Railroad, in the management of the management of the management of the management of the Panama Railroad, in the management of the Panama Railroad, in the management of the management of the Panama Railroad, in the management of the managemen

## AT PORTSMOUTH

Fire Results From Explosion and the Vessel is Scuttled and Sunk.

STATUE IS BLESSED Interesting Ceremony for Italian Catholic Congregation-The

Charleston.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLIK, VA., September 3.—The fishing schooner J. C. Wainwright, belonging to J. C. Wainwright & Son, oyster packers, burned at the wharf in Portsmouth this morning. She was scuttled and sunk in the effort to save her, One of the negro men went into the cabin where there was a gasoline stove with a lighted cigarette and caused the explosion which set the schooner on fire. The man's arms was badly burned and he would not have escaped but for assistance which came quickly. The loss is 5500.

Blessed the Statue.

The new Italian Catholic congregation worshipping in a temporary church this morning at high mass received and blessed a life size statue of St. Anthony of Padua, the gift of Anthony Lagiglia, of this city. There was special music for the occasion and the church was decorated with flowers by the donor. Father E. Gusesardi officiated at the mass and recited the history of St. Anthony's life and works. The congregation is preparing to build a church for the Italian colony here.

Cruiser Charleston.

The United States Cruiser Charleston s preparing at the navy yard to go into ommission on the 15th. The officers as commission on the 15th. The officers as signed to the ship are reporting daily to Admiral Harrington, commander of the station, and the crew, to consist of 577 men, is assembling on board the receiving ship Franklin. There will be a marine guard of sixty men in command of First Ideutenant William R. Coyle, of the Marine Corps.

Condition Very Grave.

Condition Very Grave. Aruthur Faine, the twolve-year-old negro boy whose skull was fractured in a stone throwing contest with Bernard Bell, a white boy, is still at the St. Vincent Hospital in a doubtful condition. The physicians have removed bits of the silvered bone. Bell was released on bond to await the result of the injuries.

TELEPHONE MEETING. Republicans to Speak — New Democratic Committee Named.

Republicans to Speak

Democratic Committee Named.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTE COURTHOUSE, VA.,
September 3.—The stockholders of the
Central Telephone Company held their
central Telephone Company held their
sanual meeting as Charlotte Courthouse
saturday. The old officers of the company were all re-elected, and are as
pany were all re-elected the comserved of the company has connection
with the city system. It also has connections with several other telephone
systems, which give our people the advantage of direct Lolephonic connection
with olght or ten countles.

George A. Rivercomb, Republican candidate for Attorney-Geperal, and Thomas
Lee Moore, United States attorney for
the Wastern District of Virginia, will
speak at Chariotte Courthouse Monday.
On the same date the Republicans will
nominate a candidate for the Legislature.

The newly-elected County Democratic

nominate a candidate for the Legislatino.

The newly-elected County Democratic The newly-elected County J. H. Norvell.

Committee is as follows: J. H. Norvell.

Williams. J. B. Farls. W. E. Scott, H. T. Anderson, M. M. Smith, S. T. M. Smith, S. D. Morton, H. C. Marshall, C. C. Paris, D. M. Smith, S. D. Morton, H. C. Marshall, C. C. Paris, T. A. Willies, W. G. Cabaniss, D. W. H. Hamilton, J. B. Purcet, T. M. Z. Morgan, B. E. Spaulding, R. T. Halley, Dr. H. C. Henry, W. T. Newcomb, Lee W. Morton, M. F. McGense, Mrs. Jacob Micheaux, of Richmond, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. S. C. Daniel, of "Hilleroft."

Mrs. Lee W. Morton and children are visiting relatives in North Carolina and Chase City.